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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Project No. 13272-004-AK

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47,897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license to construct the Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a final environmental assessment (EA) with the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

The proposed 525 kilowatt (kW) project would be constructed on the East Fork of Mountain Creek and transfer water into a powerhouse on the Lagoon Creek Tributary, near the town of Old Harbor, Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska. The project intake and a portion of the penstock would be located on approximately 7.74 acres of federal land that is part of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and approximately 3.24 acres of Old Harbor Native Corporation land that is subject to a conservation easement administered by the FWS and the State of Alaska.

The final EA contains Commission staff's analysis and response to comments filed on the draft EA issued on May 7, 2015. The FWS staff reviewed the analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed hydroelectric project. The final EA concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the final EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

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